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11. (SBU) The following cable provides information on security, public diplomacy, political, and consular activities related to the Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics.

12. (U) The interagency USG Joint Operations Center (JOC) can be contacted on a 24-hour basis at the following numbers:
- JOC Direct Line: 011-86-010-6532-6966. - U.S. Embassy Beijing: 011-86-010-6532-3431, JOC extension 6200. - JOC fax: 011-86-010-6532-4763. - S

KEY ISSUES

13. (SBU) In what appears to be a random act of violence, the U.S. Embassy has confirmed that three U.S. citizens and their Chinese guide were

14. (SBU) The perpetrator, identified as Chinese citizen Tang Yongming, appears to have acted alone and leaped to his death after the attack; his cooperation with their U.S. counterparts and the U.S. Embassy will provide updates to the USOC security office as they are received from the Chinese government.

SECURITY ISSUES

15. (S/REL to USA, FVEY) Threats: Olympics Possible Target for East Turkestan Groups: Tearline information indicates that, "According to a Chinese newspaper, the Uighur community in Xinjiang is preparing for a protest against the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games."

16. (S/NF) Europe-Based Uighur on Possible Attacks in China: The Albanian State Intelligence Service on 08/06/2008 provided information indicating that the Uighur community in Xinjiang is preparing for a protest against the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

17. (SBU) Incidents: Violence in Kuga, Xinjiang: According to Xinhua, China's state media agency, several explosions occurred on 08/10/2008 in Kuga, Xinjiang, killing 10 people and injuring 20 others. Police and military have reportedly sealed off the area. An individual who answered a U.S. Embassy Officer's phone call to Kuga, Xinjiang, was reportedly killed by police during the incident.

18. (SBU) False Fire Alarm: On the evening of 08/09/2008, the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) representative in the JOC was notified

19. (SBU) Olympic Protests: Pro-Tibetan Protesters Removed from China: Advocates for Tibetan independence continue to be detained and deported 08/09/2008--Five persons, including three Americans, detained at Tiananmen Square; American citizens deported to Los Angeles and Hong Kong. 08/08/2008--Three Americans detained at the National Stadium ("Bird's Nest") before the Olympic opening ceremony; deported to Los Angeles. 08/06/2008--Four persons, including two Americans, detained near the National Stadium ("Bird's Nest"); American citizens deported to Los Angeles.

10. (SBU) Hong Kong Protests: According to various media reports, at least six protesters were removed from the Sha Tin Olympic Equestrian venue on 08/09/2008. Among the six were reportedly two American citizens belonging to the "Students for a Free Tibet" organization. All protesters attempted to cross the border into mainland China.

SECURITY OPERATIONS

11. (SBU) Olympic Venues Protected by Infrared Wall: According to a report in Beijing Zhongguo Xinwen She, more than 400 infrared poles have been installed around the National Stadium ("Bird's Nest") and the National Aquatics Center ("Water Cube").

12. (SBU) Shenyang Security Update: According to the Regional Security Officer (RSO) in Shenyang, as of 08/10/2008 security is at the highest level.

VIPS

13. (SBU) The USG Delegation to the Opening Ceremony--headed by the President of the United States--remains in Beijing; the Delegation is expected to depart on 08/11/2008.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

14. (U) Please refer to the "Key Issues" section for information on Public Affairs activities as of 08/10/2008.
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CONSULAR AFFAIRS

15. (SBU) Please refer to the "Key Issues" and "Security Issues" sections for information on Consular activities as of 08/10/2008.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

16. (SBU) Air Quality: The UK Telegraph reports that the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology ordered its European partners in a Beijing-based laboratory to stop publishing research results on air quality in Beijing.

17. (U) Georgian Athletes Will Remain: Despite rumors that Georgian Olympic athletes were going to withdraw from the Games to protest Russia's